


REMARKS

Pursuant to the election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 applicant hereby elects the invention set forth in Group I, claims 1-7, as amended herein. With respect to the requirement for a species restriction, applicant has amended claims 1-5 and 7 so that claim 1 is generic and claim 7 is directed to a method that uses a spray plating process. New claims 15-17 are dependent upon generic claim 1.

As a result of the foregoing, an action on the merits is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels would best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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